

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development Department

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: July 5, 2011
Public Hearing: July 12, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Melissa Granado, (915) 541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 8

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as detailed in the Map Atlas of The Plan For El Paso and its related documents as originally approved by El Paso City Council in 1999, and as subsequently amended, to delete a portion of a proposed east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed extension of Belvidere Street, and to realign the east-west minor arterial and the proposed extension of Belvidere Street to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive,

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Staff report attached.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

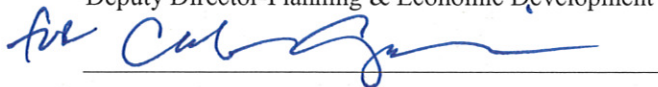
Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Unanimous Approval
Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) – Approval for staff recommendation (4-3)
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation (7-0)

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director-Planning & Economic Development



APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM AS DETAILED IN THE MAP ATLAS OF THE PLAN FOR EL PASO AND ITS RELATED DOCUMENTS AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO DELETE A PORTION OF A PROPOSED EAST-WEST MINOR ARTERIAL FROM REMCON CIRCLE TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BELVIDERE STREET, AND TO REALIGN THE EAST-WEST MINOR ARTERIAL AND THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BELVIDERE STREET TO CONNECT FROM MESA STREET TO RESLER DRIVE.

WHEREAS, *The Plan for El Paso* was formally adopted by the City Council on April 27, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Section 213.002 of the Texas Local Government Code as the Comprehensive Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a general guide for the future growth and development of the City to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map is contain within The Comprehensive Plan and contemplates all proposed arterials; and

WHEREAS, a well planned transportation system, including any and all proposed arterials, is a key element for improving the quality of life, by balancing neighborhood concerns with provision of access for commerce and mobility for personal travel; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan was based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee following numerous public meetings and working sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Development Coordinating Committee ("DCC") has recommended a change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map contained within *The Plan for El Paso* to provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and circulation of traffic throughout the City in consideration of current municipal growth patterns, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the DCC was submitted to the City Plan Commission for its review, and the City Plan Commission has recommended the adoption of the change to the Year 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of *The Plan for El Paso* and its changes to the thoroughfare alignments as herein enumerated will have no negative impact upon the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as detailed in the Map Atlas of *The Plan for El Paso*, is herein amended as described below and as more particularly shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A".

Northwest Planning Area

- Delete a portion of a proposed east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed extension of Belvidere Street.
- Realign the east-west minor arterial and the proposed extension of Belvidere Street to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.


THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

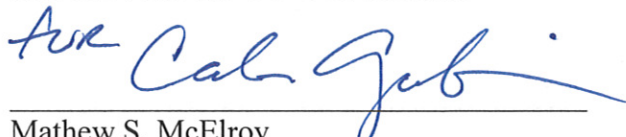
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

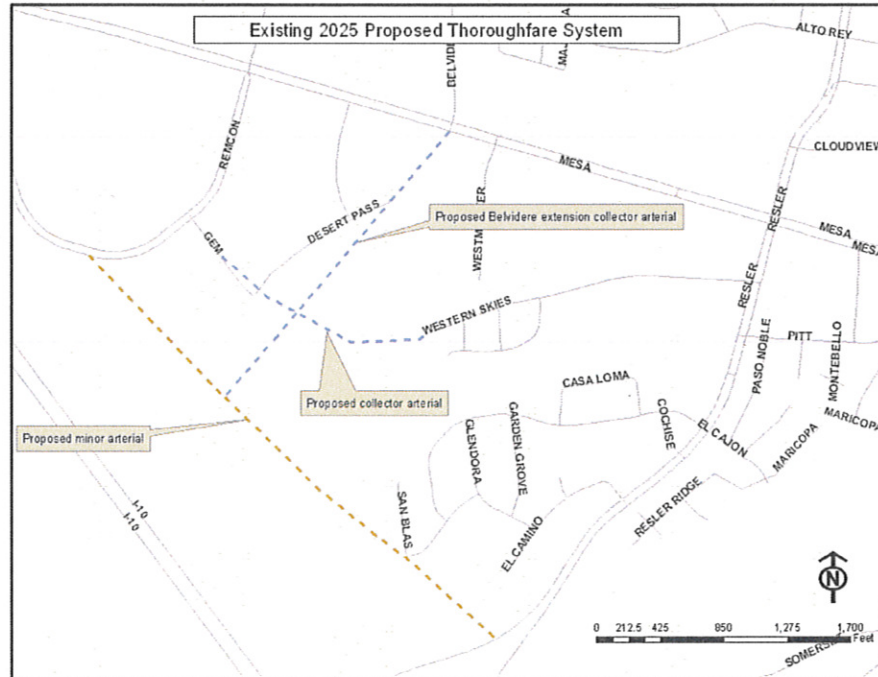
APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



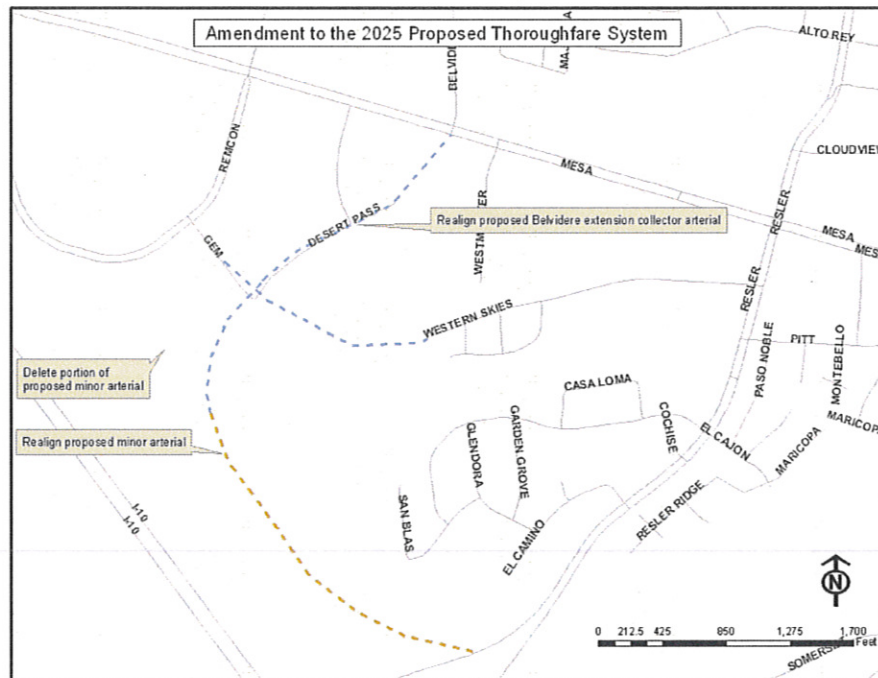
Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director of Planning
Planning & Economic Development Department

Exhibit "A"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment



**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PLANNING DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2011

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Melissa Granado, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare Plan amendment for and east-west minor arterial and the proposed extension of Belvidere Street.

The applicant requested to delete the east-west collector arterial from Gem Street to Western Skies Drive, delete a portion of the east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed intersection at Belvidere Street, and to realign the proposed extension of Belvidere Street and the remaining portion of the east-west minor arterial to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive following the alignment of the existing Desert Pass Street.

Staff recommended retaining the proposed east-west collector arterial from Gem Street to Western Skies Drive in order to provide an additional ingress/egress point for the proposed development, as well as to lessen the congestion at the southern connection to Resler, thus improving connectivity.

The City Plan Commission (CPC) on June 16, 2011 voted **7-0** to recommend **APPROVAL** of staff's recommendation to delete a portion of the east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed intersection at Belvidere Street, and to realign the proposed extension of Belvidere Street and the remaining portion of the east-west minor arterial to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive following the alignment of the existing Desert Pass Street but to retain the proposed east-west collector arterial from Gem Street to Western Skies Drive in order to provide an additional ingress/egress point for the proposed development, as well as to lessen the congestion at the southern connection to Resler, thus improving connectivity.

The CPC determined that the staff recommendation to the requested amendment is in conformance with The Plan for El Paso. The CPC also determined that it protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general.

Attachment: Staff report



City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: June 16, 2011
Staff Planner: Melissa Granado, 915-541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

Location: North of Interstate Highway 10, south of Mesa Street, and west of Resler Drive
Representative District: 8

The Plan for El Paso Designation: Commercial, mixed use, residential

Neighborhood Associations: Save the Valley, Coronado Neighborhood Association, Upper Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, Upper Valley Improvement Association
Representative: Conde, Inc.

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting that the City of El Paso review and authorize an amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan for the area located north of Interstate Highway 10, south of Mesa Street, and west of Resler Drive. The extension of Belvidere Street and an east-west arterial are proposed as collector arterials. There is also an east-west arterial proposed as a minor arterial.

The request is to delete the east-west collector arterial from Gem Street to Western Skies Drive, delete a portion of the east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed intersection at Belvidere Street, and to realign the proposed extension of Belvidere Street and the remaining portion of the east-west minor arterial to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive following the alignment of the existing Desert Pass Street.

The Plan for El Paso defines the proposed street type as follows:

Collector Arterial: Collector arterials shall provide access to neighborhood commercial and residential land uses and shall distribute traffic from local streets to arterials. Collector arterial streets shall be designed to permit through traffic and access to multifamily and light commercial uses, as well as direct access to low density residential. The right-of-way width for collector arterial streets shall be 64 feet without bike lanes and 72 feet with bike lanes.

Minor Arterial: Minor arterials shall be designed to permit through traffic and access to multifamily and light commercial uses and shall move traffic from one neighborhood to another. No direct access to low density residential shall be allowed.

The Plan for El Paso – Transportation Goals:

Meet the current and future mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors with a safe, efficient, and multimodal transportation system.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Development Coordinating Committee recommends *approval*.

Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB):

The Open Space Advisory Board recommends *approval*.

Department of Transportation:

The El Paso Department of Transportation does not object to the removal of the portion of the east-west minor arterial between Remcon and the proposed realignment of Desert Pass, so long as pedestrian connectivity is provided in its place.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

At this point in time TxDOT is still pending approval on the Resler Dr. @ Desert Pass Dr. intersection construction until further review on the complete set of plans from the developer. Additionally, the developer also needs to renew the form "Permit to Construct Access Driveway Facilities on Highway Right of Way" in order for the developer to begin the construction of the proposed signalized intersection.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

There are concerns with connectivity to the west and with the proposed access in the area of Resler Road and Desert Pass Drive as reflected on the preliminary plat. TXDOT may have issues with the access at Resler Road & Desert Pass Drive and can provide information regarding the traffic activity in the vicinity. Staff recommendation to retain a connection to Western Skies will be supported.

Planning & Economic Development Department:

Planning recommends approval of the amendment to the major thoroughfare plan to delete a portion of a proposed east-west minor arterial from Remcon Circle to the proposed extension of Belvidere Street, and to realign the east-west minor arterial and the proposed extension of Belvidere Street to connect from Mesa Street to Resler Drive.

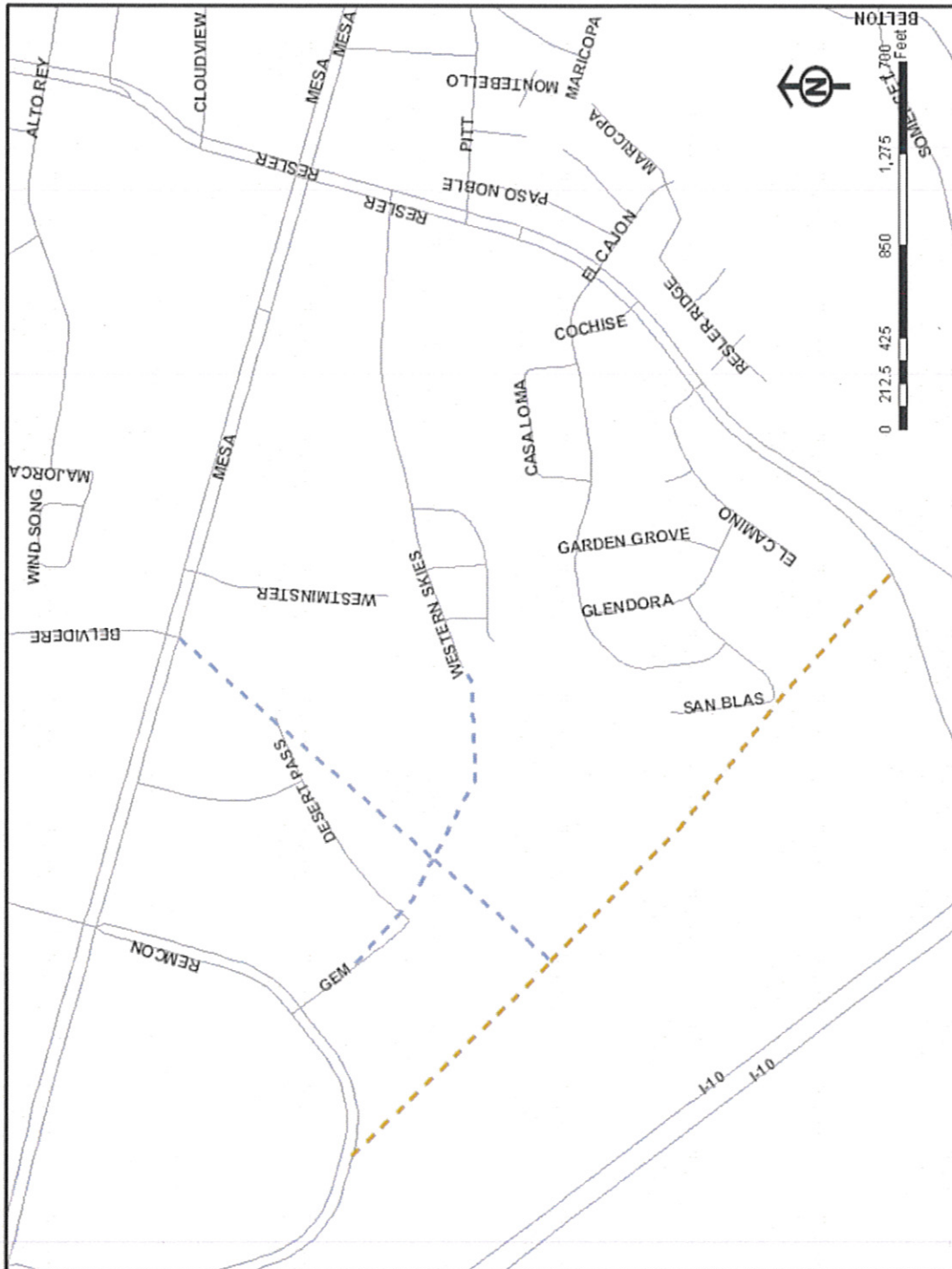
However, planning recommends retaining the proposed east-west collector arterial. This will provide an additional ingress/egress point for the proposed development which will provide better connectivity, and will supply an alternate route of transportation to aid the anticipated congestion at the southern connection to Resler Drive.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Location map

Attachment 2: Aerial map

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Attachment 2: Aerial map

